

RESOLUTION NO. 105-07

BY: **THOMAS REGAS**
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO PASS
LEGISLATION TO RESTORE THE NEW COPS
(COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES)
PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in the past, the COPS program, or community oriented policing program, has funded more than 3,700 officers and sheriff's deputies, more than 225 school resource officers, and has provided more than \$550 Million in technology grants for departments within the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in addition, more than 600 departments statewide have received more than \$227 Million in COPS funding; and

WHEREAS, the COPS program, in recent years, has aided local law enforcement, but grants to hire officers and provide for technology needs were virtually eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the newly proposed COPS program (COPS Improvement Act of 2007), will authorize the hiring of 50,000 police officers nationwide, including school resource officers. It will also provide \$350 Million a year for technology grants and \$200 Million for community prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby asks Congress to pass legislation to restore the new COPS program (COPS Improvement Act of 2007);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby asks Congress to pass legislation to restore the new COPS program (COPS Improvement Act of 2007), which will authorize the hiring of 50,000 police officers nationwide, including school resource officers; and, it will also provide \$350 Million a year for technology grants and \$200 Million for community prosecutors.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senators Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich and Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

COPS (community oriented policing services) program, and
declaring an emergency

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to ensure approval in time for the legislative calendar, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:_____	_____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:_____	APPROVED:_____
CLERK OF COUNCIL	
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:_____	_____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO